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# The story of a teapot

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This pewter teapot was used in the home of county court judge (*häradsdomare*) Johan Svensson (1821–1894) and his wife Stina Pettersdotter (1832–1914) at the farm Dahlen in Nordmark parish in Värmland.

It was used for the extra hot water, when they had a "tea morning". There had also been a nice tea set of china which was smashed when one of the maids dropped the tea tray. The only thing that did not break was a little cream jug.

After Johan's death this teapot was sold amongst many other things in a basket at auction. It was bought for a low price by a local woman, called *mor* Ullström, and then the family forgot all about it.

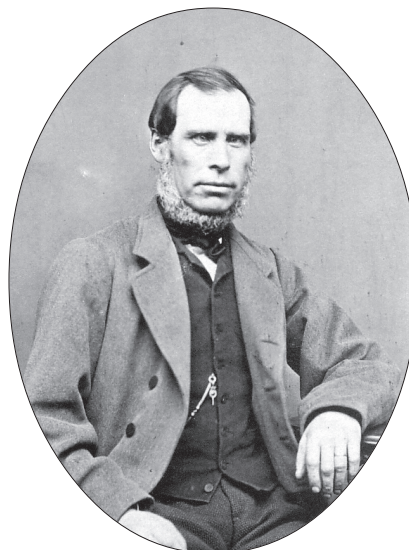
Many years later, when Johan and Stina's grandson Sven was to be married, Sven's mother Alma and her sister Nanna happened to talk about their childhood home, and wondered what had happened to this teapot since the 1890s.

Nanna, who still lived in the home parish, knew that *mor* Ullström was still alive, so she just looked for her and asked her about the teapot.

*Mor* Ullström told that her son, who was a forest warden (*skogvaktare*) in Furudal in Dalarna, now had the pot. She contacted her son, and after a while he sent it back as a wedding gift with the message that it should be where it belonged, which was very kind of him.

Now the teapot belongs to me, as Sven was my father.

If someone among the SAG readers has a story about an old item in their home, send a photo and the story to SAG, and we will publish it.



Johan Svensson.



Stina Pettersdotter.